

## **TOWN BOARD**

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	Laurie R. Tautel	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member

Supervisor Magryta opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **MINUTES**

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to approve the minutes from the April 12 and April 26 meetings.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)**  
**0-nays**

### **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Supervisor Magryta has the A/P register dated 4/8/10 in the amount of \$53,552.45 and the A/P register for 4/22/10 in the amount of \$36,140.17 and 1,663.72.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to accept the A/P registers from 4/8/10 and 4/22/10.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)**  
**1-abstain (Tautel)**  
**0-nays**

### **APPOINTMENT REQUEST – TOH POLICE**

Supervisor Magryta said that OIC Bailey has requested that the Board appoint John Quinn as a part-time police officer. The Supervisor asked OIC Bailey how many officers he currently had.

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OIC Bailey said that he has 18 officers, not including him, but has the allocation for 25 officers.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to appoint John Quinn as a part-time Town of Highlands police officer.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

OIC Bailey introduced David Bucknor who is here to talk about the Explorer Program. OIC Bailey would like to start the program in the Town of Highlands.

Supervisor Magryta asked to what degree the participants work with the police.

OIC Bailey said that they help with functions and the older ones are allowed to ride in the police cars, but are not allowed to get out.

Supervisor Magryta asked about insurance.

Mr. Bucknor said that the participants, officers and volunteers are all covered by the Boy Scouts of America.

OIC Bailey said that the Charter and any fees will be paid by the PBA.

Supervisor Magryta asked Mr. Rider if there was anything that needed to be done to start this.

Mr. Rider said that the Board should do a resolution since Town property will be used and also advised the Supervisor to check with the Town's insurance company.

Supervisor Magryta asked the Board members and any department heads to e-mail anything they may have for the meetings so it gets put on the agenda.

**RESOLUTION – FUND TRANSFER ZBA**

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to transfer \$11,500 from A1990.0400 (Contingent Acct) to A8010.0400 (Other expenses-Zoning) for estimated additional legal expenses.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

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**RESOLUTION – TAX CERTIORARI APPRAISAL PROPOSAL**

Supervisor Magryta has a resolution authorizing retainer agreement with Molinas Realty, Inc. for a tax certiorari appraisal.

Supervisor Magryta asked Mr. Rider if Molinas Realty, Inc was taken off a list.

Mr. Rider said that Molinas Realty has worked with Jerry Griffin Appraisers on other certiorari matters for the School District and Town in the past. Mr. Rider also said that the last four (4) years have been a cooperative effort with the School District sharing the cost with the Town.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to adopt the resolution of the Town Board Authorizing Retainer Agreement: Tax Certiorari Appraisal.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

**PAYROLL PERIOD CHANGE MEMO – COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE**

Supervisor Magryta said that at the present time, there are two (2) pay period ending dates for the employees. The Comptroller would like to make everyone have the same pay period beginning with the June 26 payroll.

Council Member Gokey thinks it should be uniform.

Supervisor Magryta will ask Comptroller Blauvelt to put out a memo.

Council Member Tautel would like the memo distributed before the Board makes a decision.

**GARDEN BLUB REQUEST**

Supervisor Magryta was asked by Patricia Riedel if there were any funds available for beautification. The Supervisor said there is about \$3,350 in the A fund.

Council Member Tautel said that budget was presented by Doris Lent and she would know what the money was for.

Supervisor Magryta asked Council Member Tautel to contact Mrs. Lent and Mrs. Riedel to discuss this.

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### **DIAL-A-BUS PROPOSAL**

Council Member Tautel spoke to Rob Parrington from Orange County and he informed her that the \$65,000 is stimulus funding and will be received by the Town in two (2) installments, one this year and one next year. Council Member Tautel said that if the Board decides to accept the offer of the gas bus there will be no cost to the Town. If the Board decides to wait for the diesel bus, it won't be available for 18-24 months and will cost the Town money. Ms. Tautel also informed the Board that the County does not offer any extended warranties.

Council Member Livsey said the Dial-A-Bus is important and he is ready to move on this issue.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to acquire the gas bus as per Orange County parameters for Dial-A-Bus.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

### **BUDGET RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE**

Supervisor Magryta said that next Monday the Board will get back into the budget recovery. The Supervisor has proposals from the Justice Court and Recreation helping to mitigate the budget shortfall. Supervisor Magryta asked the liaisons to speak to their department heads about preparing proposals.

Supervisor Magryta spoke to the bankers and the Town is now online with their accounts.

Council Member Livsey asked what time the workshop was and which department heads are coming.

Supervisor Magryta said the workshop is at 7:30pm and he is not sure which department heads are coming. The Supervisor said if he doesn't receive any feedback by the end of the week, he will schedule two (2) department heads to attend the workshop.

Council Member Tautel asked about the 2009 report.

Supervisor Magryta said the \$45,000 in the audit line was just a record that was not closed. There was no money left in that budget line.

Council Member Tautel said that Earth Day was held on May 8. There will be fluorescent light bulbs available in the Town Clerk's office for any resident that would like one.

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Council Member Gokey said that the Ambulance Corps received a refund check of \$3,511.86 from the State Insurance Fund for having no accidents.

Supervisor Magryta asked Council Member Livsey if he received notification on the classes that the elected officials have to take.

Council Member Livsey said he had not received any information.

Supervisor Magryta said he will speak to him later.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Greg Madigan asked about the status of the Battlesite.

Council Member Edsall said he is cautiously optimistic, but is still encouraging residents to write letters.

Russell Strongman introduced his daughter and complimented the Board on doing a very professional job.

Supervisor Magryta said the Board looks forward to discussing access to the waterfront with Mr. Strongman.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to go into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matter leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Board went into Executive Session at 8:35pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to close the Executive Session. Executive session closed at 9:40pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:41pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

Attest,